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Boston, Dec. 17.—The Federal League has offered "Rabbit" Maranville, star short stop for the Boston National League baseball team, the sum of \$10,000 a year for three years, the money to be placed in a bank when Maranville signs the contract.

It is said that the "Rabbit" declined the offer, but the "Scouts" are still on the trail and the "Feds" have been reported to be far from discouraged over their chances of landing the Brave's player. They are prepared to make a still more advantageous offer, it is rumored.

Maranville, who is now on the vaudeville stage with Edward McCue, is said to be loath to leave Boston, where he is the idol of the baseball fans and is in close touch with the management of the team. He has a long contract here and it will have to be a most alluring proposition that will induce him to jump.

YALE LOSES FIRST HOCKEY GAME OF YEAR

New Haven, Dec. 17.—The New Haven players knew too much hockey and had far too much speed for the Yale puck shooters last night at the Arena and had no very great trouble beating the Elis by a 4-0-1 margin. It was the first game of the season for the Blue team and although the Yale men started off somewhat "hickish," their defense, aided in later stages by New Haven's puny attack, held the line continually and for wild dashes up to the goal.

No particular Yale man stood out, whereas the entire New Haven team seemed to feature. The New Haven team was made up of Canadian stars who have played the game for some years and possess a wonderful knowledge of the puck chasing game. Manager Connor said before the game started that Captain Sweeney and his men regarded the match more or less as a workout and if this was the case this man certainly got it.

Cochran, Tom Howard of the Yale squad recognized the ability of the Canadian stars, but also pointed out the fact that it was the Yale game for the Yale men, and the team lacked the services of Captain Sweeney and Connor, one of the defense men. Howard has the making of a good team in his sound and feels confident when all his men are in shape he will be able to make a strong bid for the title.

EDDIE CICOTIE HAD GOOD ALIBI FOR BALK

"Eddie" Cicotte of the White Sox is one of the charter members of the Order of the Kachoo, postmaster of the Hay Fever. Far from permitting a little thing like that to trouble him, he makes use of it. He was pitching a game for the Chicago White Sox in Philadelphia and he perpetrated a frightful balk. The umpire was just lifting his hand to call the balk when Eddie cut loose a kerchief that started the flags flapping in the stands.

"Balk, nothing!" yelled Cicotte, as he recovered. "I was just sneezing."

A few moments later a runner reached first. Eddie commenced to make faces, and in the midst of a terrible sneeze, he shot the ball to first and nipped the runner.

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COLLINS NOT TO WRITE IN PAPERS AGAIN

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17.—Eddie Collins' career as a baseball player terminates with his acceptance of the captaincy of the Chicago White Sox, I feel sure," said President Ban Johnson of the American League, yesterday.

In a conversation I had with him in New York he seemed convinced of the hazard of attempting to write and play the game at the same time and to realize the difficulty of doing justice both to the newspaper readers and to the club owner employing him.

"Personally, I always have been opposed to active players writing for newspapers."

YOST STARS GET CHECKS AT BANQUET

The Remington-Yost football team with a few of the factory officials and baseball players held their annual banquet last night at the Bridgeport club after the most successful season ever experienced on the gridiron. There were plenty of eulogies, many speeches, words of praise and the presentation of checks to each football player as a reward for the successful season just closed. The sum of \$2,314.55 was divided among 17.

After the sumptuous repast had been eaten and the appetites of all were appeased, Michael J. Clabby, an official of the Remington-Yost company and chairman of the evening, called for order. He spoke of the excellent team the Remington-Yost possessed and the work accomplished, stating that it was the strongest in Connecticut. He introduced C. W. Burgess, superintendent of the factory. Mr. Burgess responded very feebly, dwelling upon the good which accrues to a man who puts his whole soul into whatever he is doing, regardless of whether it is of an athletic nature or work in a factory. He spoke in glowing terms of the manager, Thomas Keenan, who deserves unstinted praise for the success of the team.

Jack Hughes sang several songs, his favorite being "Mother Macdore," which called for several encores from the assembly. Manager Keenan, the next speaker, asked representatives of the press present to extend to the public the thanks of the team for the splendid manner in which it was supported.

The most popular speaker of the evening was Hugh Robinson, a high official of the factory and secretary-treasurer of the athletic association. He commended the team for its noble work during the season and for its presenting each member his check said something concerning their value on the team.

Of the new members on the team this year he spoke particularly of the work of Leo Cunningham who when sent into the game seemed to add more vim to the other players' playing.

A. B. "Doc" Adams, who was first to be injured all season, was presented with a check from the team by Coach McCormack.

Keen regret was expressed by Mr. Clabby that Lieutenant Governor elect Clifford B. Wilson was unable to be present. His honor had fully determined to be numbered among the guests, but at the last moment was called away on business. However, he conveyed through Mr. Clabby his heartfelt wishes for even a more successful season on the gridiron in 1915.

Brief addresses were also listened to by C. H. West, G. C. Wright, officials of the company, and Harry Norris of the baseball team.

A beautiful diamond stickpin was presented to Hugh Robinson by Edward Reilly, the star quarterback of the team, in behalf of the team for the valuable services offered and ably rendered. Mr. Robinson thanked the boys most feelingly for their gift.

The banquet in all its courses was served in a most efficient manner and Mr. Clabby expressed the appreciation of the company for the kindness of the club in allowing the use of the rooms for the occasion.

Those present were: L. Cunningham, L. Silva, W. Flanagan, V. Lindquist, P. Rosenpanny, J. Pjura, F. McCormack, J. F. Kilpatrick, G. Russell, E. Reilly, J. Casey, G. Halloran, B. Baker, John Milliken, Jack Richardson, all members of the team; also Thomas Keenan, manager; C. W. Burgess, M. J. Clabby, E. H. West, E. L. Johnson, Harry Cooper, H. M. Robinson, J. Hughes, A. B. Adams, W. E. McKenny, G. C. Carter, E. Kozaback, A. G. Glenn, and representatives of the press as follows: Post, E. Donagan; Farmer, Joseph Connolly; Standard, J. Lewis; Telegram, M. Hottel; and Sunday Herald, T. Wagner.

Several of the football players, including Sterling "Unk" Seeley, W. Abbott and J. Carroll, were unable to attend. Mr. Robinson specifically announced, though, that their absence would not entail the loss of their checks.

BOSTON STANDS ACCOMMODATE 45,000

Boston, Dec. 17.—The new stands of the Boston Braves will seat 45,000, and will be built like the Yale bowl, President Gaffney said yesterday.

The base of the stands will be placed twelve feet below the street level, making possible the addition at some future time of a second story which will not be too high above the playing field. Gaffney said he believed the time is near when a double-deck stand capable of seating 60,000 persons would be needed. The entire stand including the bleachers, will be of cement.

Gaffney has had assurances from President J. J. Lannin of the American League club that the Braves will be allowed the use of Fenway Park until the new plant is ready.

It is expected that construction will be finished about July 1. The playing field will be larger than that at Fenway Park.

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REAL REASON WHY MACK TORE CHAMPION TEAM APART
Snappy Snapshots Of Interest To Those Who Follow Sporting Events

(By Wagner.)

In accounting for Connie Mack's action in ripping apart his Philadelphia team of former world's champions, Bill Weart, a writer on the Philadelphia Telegraph, says it was not because the individual players were going back that Mack disposed of them.

The team as a whole had gone back, however. "The get together spirit, so necessary to winning team, was lacking. Harmony had gone from a team, which was once like one big family. Various factions among the players fought, against each other. Connie Mack saw this and determined to tear down the structure that once had astonished the sporting world."

It is claimed that the Philadelphia Nationals have persuaded Mack and Lobert not to jump to the Federals. They hope to arrange a trade for Mack with some other National league club. Lobert will probably be given a raise in salary to keep him satisfied.

Pat O'Connor, the old Springfield catcher, says he has not yet jumped the St. Louis Nationals, although the Federals made him a flattering offer. He says he will stick to organized ball if the St. Louis club will secure him a job as minor league manager.

M. H. Huggins, whose chief claim to fame in the sporting world was his title of world's champion quail player, is dead at his home in Old Ford, Eng. He represented England successfully in international quail matches in 1912 and 1913. An attack of appendicitis prevented him defending his title in 1914.

HERE IS JOE SHUGRUE WHO BOXES ROBIDEAU TOMORROW EVENING



Joe Shugrue has so many friends in this state that he is practically regarded as a Connecticut boy, although he lives in Jersey City. He is sure to receive a flattering welcome when he steps into the ring against Sam Robideau at the Armory tomorrow night.

His admirers in Waterbury, where he has been training, are coming down on the "Joe Shugrue Special" and if numbers in rosters would win for him he could consider the contest already won. Unfortunately for him, Robideau will have more to say about this matter than the rosters. Robideau and Shugrue met last year in a Philadelphia ring and Robby was returned the winner. Since that time his record has been a most remarkable one and he is the only claimant for the lightweight crown without a defeat to mar his record.

Predy Welsh, Gilbert Gallant, Jimmy Duffy, Grover Hayes, Jack Reed, Willie Beecher, Phil Bloom, Jack Denney and a score of other noted lightweights have bowed to the prowess of Robideau since he and Joe faced each other in a ring. He is a living refutation of the belief that to be a successful fighter one has to be of Celtic or Anglo-Saxon descent for Sam was born in Minnesota of French parentage and along with those other two great fighters George Carpentier and Lefebvre form a trio that no other three fighters of one nationality can equal.

After disposing of Shugrue his next match will be with Freddie Welsh for the lightweight championship of the world over the twenty round route at New Orleans. But—and here is the big but—he must win from Shugrue to clinch the match.

He has been working out every day at the armory and has had for his sparring partners Al Ketchell, the well known local lightweight, and Jimmy Murphy, a very fast and clever lightweight from Philadelphia. Many fans have been heard to remark after seeing Robby and Murphy work out that Murphy was one of the very fastest boys they had seen in these parts.

Robideau finished his workouts yesterday and was within one pound of the required 135 pounds at 2 o'clock. Robideau finished his workouts yesterday and was within one pound of the required 135 pounds at 2 o'clock. The special train will leave Waterbury at 6:45 p. m. and will stop at all stations, arriving here at 7:45.

JACK DALTON OF BROOKLYN MAY DESERT

Newark, Dec. 17.—Charles Ebbets, Sr., president of the Brooklyn Nationals, is in severe danger of losing Jack Dalton, his slugging center fielder and former Newark star, unless he comes across with a big increase in salary.

Dalton, who is wintering here, has just returned from a hunting trip in the mountains of Pennsylvania and admitted he had not signed with Brooklyn and was considering a fine proposition made him by the Federal League.

Dalton, however, says he will not do anything one way or the other until he has a conference with President Ebbets. He expects to talk things over with the elder Ebbets before the Brooklyn manager leaves for his club's new training quarters at Daytona, Fla.

Larry Schaffy, the former Jersey City manager, has written to Newark friends saying he intends to visit here in the near future for the purpose of renewing old acquaintances. Schaffy, who is said to have signed up more than any other manager in the Federal League, will visit Dalton while he is here, and wants Dalton badly for an outfield post.

FORD BEST PITCHER IN FED LEAGUE

Pitcher Russell Ford, of the Buffalo club, made the best record in the Federal League last season, according to the official pitching averages issued last night.

Ford, who formerly pitched for the Yankees, took part in thirty-five games and is credited with winning twenty-one and losing only six.

Claude Hendrix, the ex-Pirate, carried off second honor. He was one of the hardest workers in the league, figuring in forty-nine games, of which he won twenty-nine and lost ten.

Chappelle was the Brookfield's leading boxman, being fifth on the list. Tom Seaton, 308, ninth place, with twenty-one victories and fourteen defeats.

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While they talked the matter over only tentative arrangements were made for a battle, but a few hours after Coffey had earned the popular decision over Smith at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday night, Gibson declared that he would clinch the bout for Coffey.

As both managers are willing to have a return bout and as each boxer is confident he can decisively win in another battle, a new match is likely to be arranged.

JUMPING PLAYERS HAD GOOD BATTING MARKS WITH FEDERALS

Without attempting any explanation of the why or wherefore, averages of eight baseball players before they jumped organized ball and after they joined the Federals, is of interest. With one exception, the players had better records with their bats in the Federal League than they did before becoming "outlaws." The one exception is Runt Walsh, formerly of Philadelphia. Here's the list:

Yankees, with organized ball, batted .275; with the Feds his average was .400. Evans batted .249 with the St. Louis Nationals, and .365 with the Feds. With the Yankees and White Sox, Hal Chase batted .267, and with the Feds, .342. Against National League twirlers, Bates, formerly of Cincinnati, hit for .275; against Federal pitchers, Bates batted .318. Doc Cranford's record was .301 against National League moundmen, and .310 against Federal tossers. Oakes, erstwhile St. Louis National League, swatted .293 in the old league and .316 among the Feds. Walsh's average while with the Phillies was .207, but after the leap to the outlaws he dropped four points.

MILLER AGAIN HEADS 12TH DISTRICT CLUB

John C. Miller was unanimously re-elected president of the 12th District Independent Political and Social club at the annual meeting held last night. Under Mr. Miller's able management the club has prospered and is now in a very flourishing condition. It was voted to keep open house on New Year's day. The following other officers were chosen: Vice president, John Hope; corresponding secretary, Edward Ludford; financial secretary, Henry Helbig; treasurer, Albert Duffee; board of governors, Frederick Curtis, Jr., chairman; Charles Foye, Frederick Langdon, David Miller and William Krout; house committee, Daniel Connor, chairman, George Ricketts, Thomas Meahan, Benjamin Bradley and Benjamin Lambert; entertainment committee, Andrew Krouse, chairman; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Post.

Myron T. Herrick, former Ambassador to France, discussed plans with President Wilson for establishing a clearing house at New York for the distribution of relief for war sufferers in Europe.

ADMITTS HUGGINS AND HERZOG AFTER BUFFALO

(Buffalo Enquirer.)

Jacob J. Stein, principal owner of the Buffalo International League club, who got back from the New York meeting yesterday, confirmed the report that the franchise is for sale.

"We have had several offers for the club, and will sell just as soon as we get our price," said President Stein.

President Stein admitted that Miller Huggins of the St. Louis Cardinals and Charley Herzog of the Cincinnati Reds had made an offer for the Buffalo club. He said the two managers had the backing of a Buffalo business man, but the local magnate refused to divulge his identity. President Stein, however, denied that Schuyler Britton, owner of the Cards, was behind.

Although the Federal league has announced that it will stand pat on its 1914 circuit the outlaws are said to be casting around for a place to transfer the Kansas City franchise. This was a big financial failure last season. One proposition is to place a team in Philadelphia. It is believed that Connie Mack is in bad with the Philadelphia fans and that an outlaw team would be popular.

Charles de Broqueville, premier and minister of war in the Belgian Cabinet, arrived in Paris from London to discuss matters of finance with the French Cabinet.

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